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FM AMEMBASSY YAOUNDE

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INFO AMEMBASSY MADRID

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SUBJ: SPANISH AND EQUATORIAL GUINEA

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1. REFTEL A EXCELLENT EXPLANATION SPANISH-E.G. DEVELOPMENTS
SINCE REFTEL B. MANY THANKS.

2. SINCE RECEIPT REFTEL B, EMBASSY HAS BEEN ATTEMPTING TO
LEARN OF SPANISH PLANS IMPLEMENT PHASED WITHDRAWAL IN E.G.
DECEMBER 14 ERIC OJEROLA, (GHANIAN) FORMERLY OAU REP. ON
EQUATORIAL GUINEA, INDICATED THAT HE HAD HEARD THAT THE DEADLINE
FOR WITHDRAWING SPANISH TECHNICIANS, INCLUDING IBERIA EMPLOYEES
SECONDED TO LAGES (EQUATORIAL GUINEAN AIRLINES WHOSE CONVAIR
METROPOLIAN 440'S ARE NEARING END OF USEFUL LIFE), WAS TO BE
JANUARY 15. SINCE HIS INFO DATED TO WHEN HE CLOSED OAU MALABO
OFFICE IN EARLY OCTOBER (THE SAME VINTAGE AS REFTEL B),
THE EMBASSY HAS DONE NOTHING EXCEPT PERIODIC CHECKING WITH
SPANISH EMBASSY HERE TO ASCERTAIN CURRENT STATE OF PLAY IN
E.G.-SPANISH RELATIONS. SPANISH EMBASSY IN TURN HAS BEEN IN
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TOUCH IBERIA REP DOUALA FOR REPORTS FROM PILOTS. NEEDLESS TO
SAY, THE IBERIA REP CLAIMS THAT SO FAR THERE HAVE BEEN NO
INDICATIONS OF SPANISH EXODUS, PILOTS OR TEACHERS.

3. COMMENT: WHILE THE SPANISH PERIODICALLY REACH THE
BREAKING POINT IN THEIR UNEASY RELATIONS WITH MASIE, THEY
NEVER QUITE GO ALL OF THE WAY. ON BASIS OF SPANISH CHARGE'S

NERVOUSNESS HERE ABOUT ANYTHING DEALING WITH ALGERIA (READ WESTERN SAHARA AND CANARY ISLANDS LIBERATION MOVEMENT), IT IS SUSPECTED THAT SPAIN WILL NOT WISH TO FURTHER COMPLICATE ITS RELATIONS WITH AFRICAN STATES BY ADDING E.G. TO THE EQUATION. SMYTHE

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